Colchester County Statistical Profile

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Colchester County lies in the north central part of Nova Scotia and is characterized by three rather well defined landscape areas. The Cobequid mountains extend through the northern half of the county while a somewhat smaller upland area, known as Gay's River ridge, runs along the southern boundary. The remainder of the county is comprised largely of lowlands and it is in these areas where development has concentrated.

Europeans began to settle in this area in the 1600's due to the fertile soils and good growing season. Shipbuilding began on both the Minas and Northumberland shores in the 1700's and prospered through most of the nineteenth century. With the completion of the Truro to Amherst railway, in 1872, the Town of Truro began to grow in response to its role as the distribution centre of the province.

The construction of the Trans Canada Highway and Highway #102 in the 1960's and 1970's made the Truro area the highway as well as the rail hub of the province. Industrial parks at Truro and Debert have attracted both manufacturing and distribution industries. Agriculture continues to be an important aspect of the local economy, with diversification to beef, dairy, poultry and blueberries.

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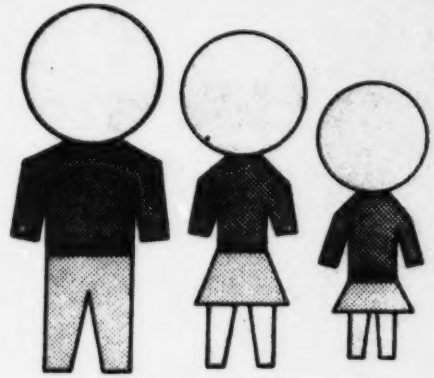
Statistical Summary

	YEAR	COLCHESTER COUNTY	% OF NOVA SCOTIA
Land area (sq. kilometers)	-	3,622	6.9
Population	1981	43,224	5.1
Population density (per sq. kilometer)	1981	11.9	74.4
Labour Force	1981	19,540	3.0
Employed	1981	17,725	5.2
Average income per tax filer ($)	1980	10,661	96.4
Total retail sales ($'000)	1982	188,300	6.2
Retail sales per capita ($)	1982	4,356	123.1
Number of farms	1981	549	10.9
Lumber production (M. fbm.)	1982	13,055	8.7
Pulpwood production (m^3 solid wood)	1982	127,503	6.5
Sea fish landings (metric tonnes)	1982	769	0.2
Sea fish landings ($'000)	1982	709	0.3
Number of manufacturing establishments	1979	62	8.0
Value of manufacturing shipments ($'000)	1979	168,034	5.2
Number of permits for residential units	1982	235	6.2
Value of total building permits ($'000)	1982	18,220	5.6

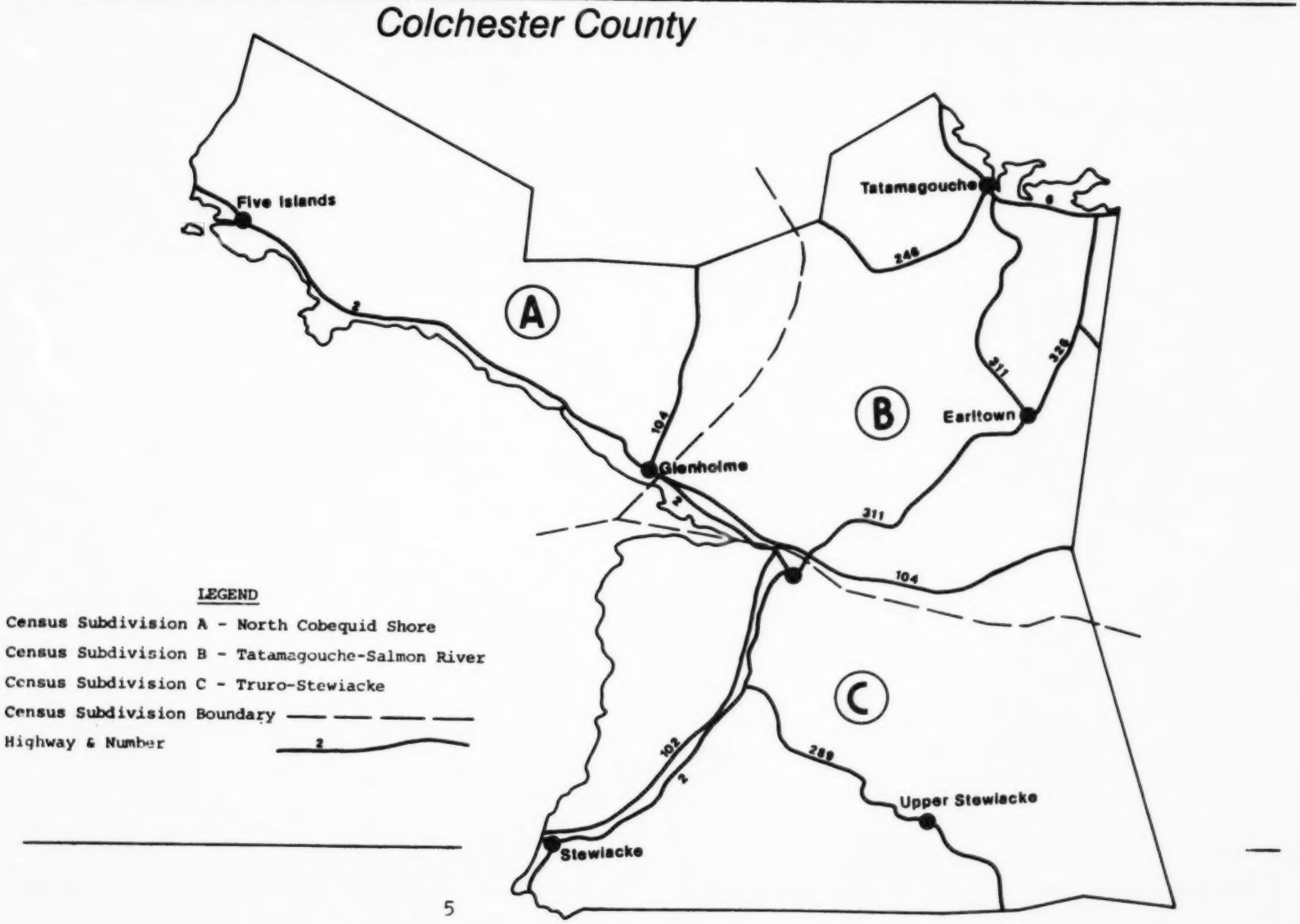
SOURCES: Statistics Canada, Canadian Markets, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Revenue Canada

POPULATION



Map 1

Subdivisions, Communities and Highways



LEGEND

Census Subdivision A - North Cobequid Shore

Census Subdivision B - Tatamagouche-Salmon River

Census Subdivision C - Truro-Stewiacke

Census Subdivision Boundary

Highway & Number 2

Graph 1

Index of Population Growth
Colchester County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981

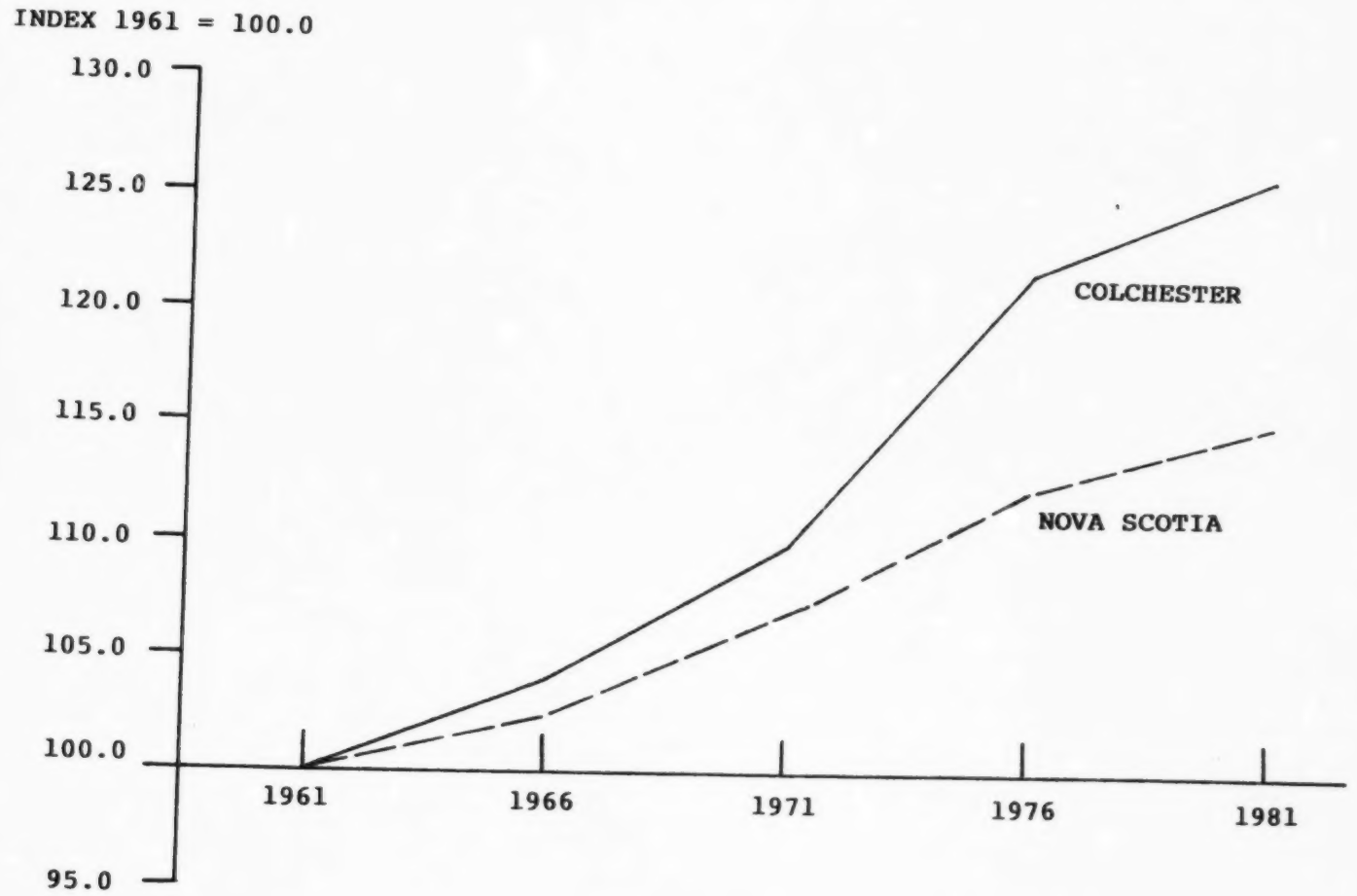


Table 1

Population Growth
Colchester County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981

	1961	1966	1971	1976	1981
NOVA SCOTIA	737,007	756,039	788,960	828,571	847,442
Colchester County	34,307	35,700	37,735	41,771	43,224
Stewiacke	1,042	982	1,040	1,174	1,174
Truro	12,421	13,007	13,047	12,840	12,552
Sub. A - North Cobequid Shore	3,212	3,146	3,112	3,377	3,473
Sub. B - Tatamagouche-Salmon River	10,398	10,873	11,953	14,325	15,099
Sub. C - Truro-Stewiacke	7,056	7,473	8,362	9,822	10,690
Indian Reserves	178	219	221	233	236

Index of Population Growth Colchester County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981.

NOVA SCOTIA	100.0	102.6	107.0	112.4	115.0
Colchester County	100.0	104.1	110.0	121.8	126.0
Stewiacke	100.0	94.2	99.8	112.7	112.7
Truro	100.0	104.7	105.0	103.4	101.0
Sub. A - North Cobequid Shore	100.0	97.9	96.9	105.1	108.1
Sub. B - Tatamagouche-Salmon River	100.0	104.6	115.0	137.8	145.2
Sub. C - Truro-Stewiacke	100.0	105.9	118.5	139.2	151.5
Indian Reserves	100.0	123.0	124.2	130.9	132.6

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 2

Population of Unincorporated Centres of 200+
Colchester County, 1976 and 1981

	1976	1981		1976	1981
Alton	180	204	Masstown	196	355
Bass River	303	203	Middle Stewiacke	300	317
Belmont	350	427	Murrays Siding	255	309
Brentwood	200	217	North River	295	612
Brookfield	892	610	Onslow	222	206
Debert	489	618	Onslow Mountain	157	234
Five Islands	168	231	Shubenacadie East	147	200
Glenholme	178	306	Stewiacke East	313	309
Great Village	394	515	Tatamagouche	636	553
Harmony	279	204	Truro Heights	253	950
Hilden	1,076>	1,262	Upper Onslow	232	215
Londonderry	258	296	Upper Stewiacke	201	210
Lower Five Islands	166	242	Valley Cross Roads	n/a	628

> area is larger than in other Census year
n/a Not Available

Due to the lack of legal or official boundaries, the Census is not always able to distinguish the population of these unincorporated places from that of the surrounding area.

The population totals shown in this report for 1976 and 1981 should thus be considered as approximations.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 3

Rural and Urban Population Distribution
Colchester County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

	COLCHESTER COUNTY				NOVA SCOTIA			
	Number		%		Number		%	
	1976[1]	1981[2]	1976	1981	1976[1]	1981[2]	1976	1981
Rural	21,307	23,068	51.0	53.4	360,416	380,600	43.5	44.9
Non-Farm	19,189	21,174	45.9	49.0	338,970	362,484	40.9	42.8
Farm	2,118	1,894	5.1	4.4	21,446	18,116	2.6	2.1
Urban	20,464	20,156	49.0	46.6	468,155	466,842	56.5	55.1
Total	41,771	43,224	100.0	100.0	828,571	847,442	100.0	100.0

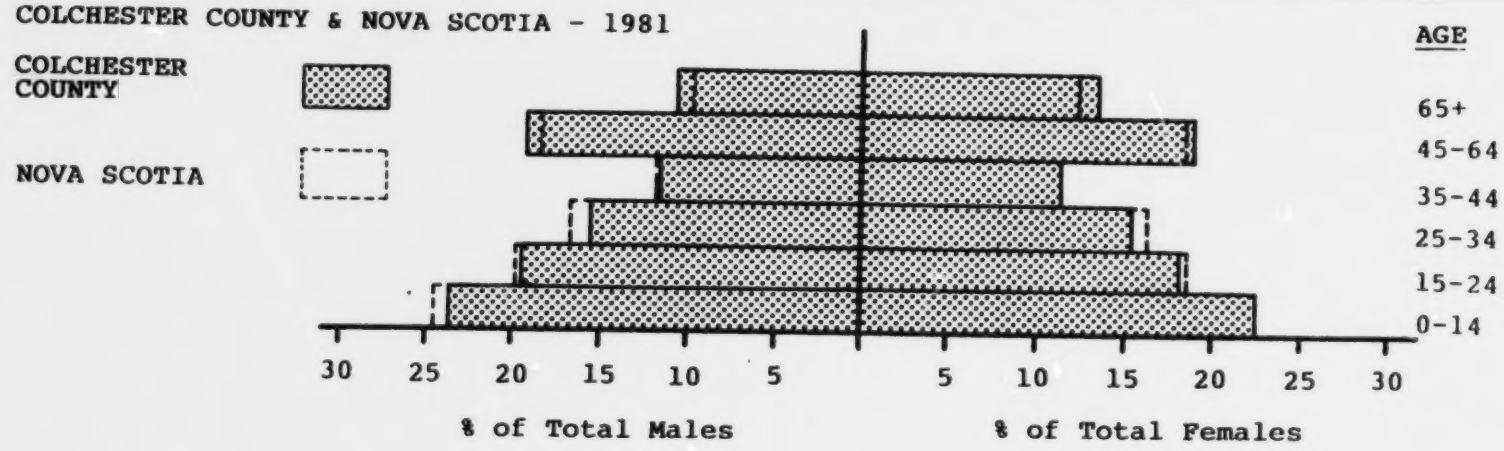
[1]Based on 1981 definition of farm population.

[2]Farm population in 1981 refers to all persons living in a farm operator household on a farm situated in either a rural or urban area. Only farms with sales of $250 or more are included.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Graph 2

Age-Sex Pyramids
Colchester County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981



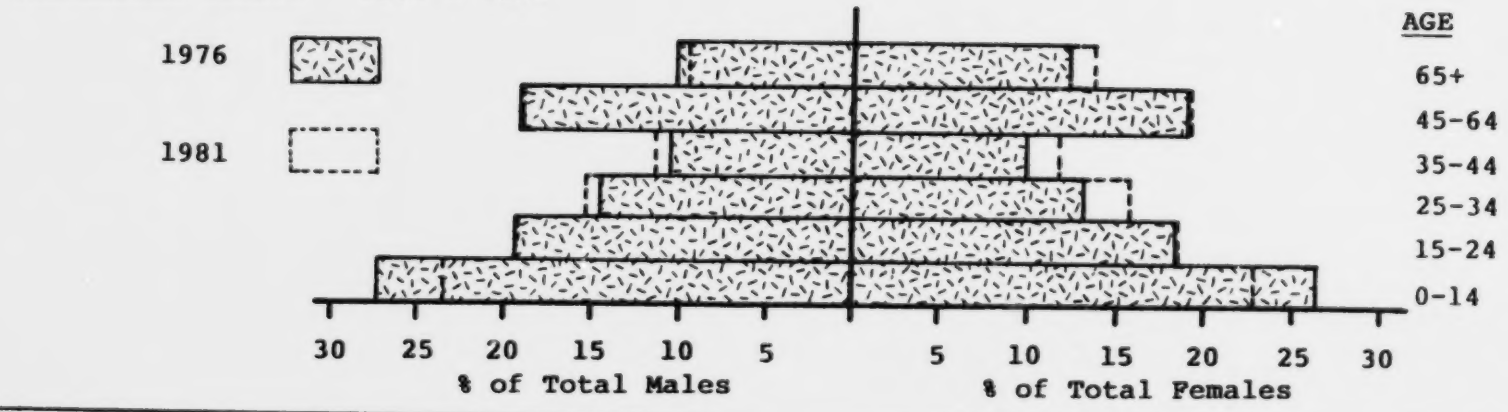


Table 4

Age-Sex % Distribution of the Population Colchester County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

Age	COLCHESTER COUNTY				NOVA SCOTIA			
	1976		1981		1976		1981	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
0-14	27.2	26.2	23.7	22.6	27.7	26.3	24.3	22.6
15-24	19.2	18.5	19.3	18.3	20.0	19.1	19.8	18.9
25-34	14.3	13.3	15.6	15.3	15.0	14.6	16.5	16.4
35-44	10.4	10.0	11.5	11.2	10.4	10.1	11.6	11.2
45-64	19.0	19.1	19.1	19.0	18.2	19.1	18.1	18.7
65+	10.0	12.9	10.8	13.6	8.6	10.8	9.7	12.2
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
TOTAL NUMBER	20,675	21,095	21,295	21,930	414,155	414,420	419,575	427,865

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 5

Population by Marital Status and Sex
Colchester County, 1981

		Total Population	SINGLE (NEVER MARRIED)			MARRIED			WIDOWED	DIVORCED
			Total	Under 15 yrs.	15 yrs. & Over	Total	Married	Separated		
Nova Scotia	- T	847,440	383,005	198,490	184,515	402,505	388,885	13,625	45,480	16,450
	- M	419,575	203,730	101,740	101,990	200,780	194,800	5,975	8,040	7,025
	- F	427,865	179,275	96,750	82,525	201,725	194,085	7,640	37,440	9,420
Colchester Co.	- T	43,225	18,625	10,015	8,610	21,180	20,500	685	2,520	900
	- M	21,295	9,880	5,055	4,825	10,570	10,275	295	460	395
	- F	21,925	8,750	4,965	3,785	10,615	10,230	385	2,065	505
Stewiacke	- T	1,170	480	275	205	590	580	15	85	15
	- M	580	260	130	130	295	290	10	5	10
	- F	595	220	140	80	295	290	10	75	10
Truro	- T	12,550	5,225	2,250	2,975	5,955	6,680	270	1,005	370
	- M	5,820	2,600	1,120	1,480	2,940	2,835	110	125	150
	- F	6,735	2,620	1,125	1,495	3,010	2,850	165	885	220

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 6
Vital Statistics
Colchester County, 1977-1981

	LIVE BIRTHS BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE					DEATHS BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
Colchester County	575	558	547	570	590	356	353	358	406	402
Stewiacke	22	17	18	19	20	12	12	8	10	18
Truro	207	218	209	201	236	150	139	157	151	162

SOURCE: Department of Health, Vital Statistics

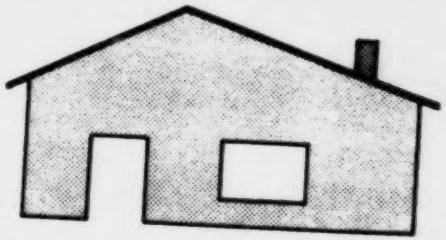


Table 7
Family Characteristics
Colchester County, 1981

	TOTAL FAMILIES	FAMILIES BY NUMBER OF PERSONS							TOTAL PERSONS IN FAMILIES	AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER FAMILY	
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8+		1981	1976
Nova Scotia											
Number	216,200	78,495	48,280	50,540	24,520	9,315	3,125	1,920	721,035	3.3	3.5
% of Total	100.0	36.3	22.3	23.4	11.3	4.3	1.4	0.9			
Colchester County											
Number	11,250	4,310	2,400	2,605	1,305	460	110	55	36,790	3.3	3.5
% of Total	100.0	38.3	21.3	23.2	11.6	4.1	1.0	0.5			
Stewiacke	310	110	65	75	40	10	5	0	1,025	3.3	3.5
Truro	3,210	1,510	640	625	295	95	25	15	9,820	3.1	3.3
Millbrook Reserve	45	15	10	10	0	10	0	5	180	3.8	4.0
Colchester Munic.	7,675	2,660	1,685	1,890	970	350	80	40	25,770	3.4	3.5

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 8

Family Incomes
Colchester County and Nova Scotia, 1980

	1980		
	Average Family Income	% of Nova Scotia Average	% Low Income Families of Total Families[1]
	$	%	%
Nova Scotia	21,872	100.0	14.2
Colchester County	20,831	95.2	13.3
Stewiacke	19,722	90.2	10.4
Truro	22,117	101.1	14.8
Sub. A - North Cobequid Shore	16,186	74.0	18.0
Sub. B - Tatamagouche-Salmon River	20,144	92.1	14.2
Sub. C - Truro-Stewiacke	22,148	101.3	9.2
Indian Reserves	10,705	48.9	N/A

[1]Low income statistics are based on the revised (1978) cut-offs which were initially estimated from the 1978 National Family Expenditure Survey and then updated to 1980 by the changes in the Consumer Price Index since 1978. The cut-offs are based on size of family unit and population size of area of residence.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 9

Average Income Per Income Tax Filer
Colchester County and Nova Scotia, 1970-1980

	ALL RETURNS FILED			
	Number	Total Income $'000	Average Income $	% Average Income of Nova Scotia Average %
Colchester County				
- 1970	15,587	70,152	4,501	97.7
- 1972	17,020	89,344	5,249	93.9
- 1974	18,539	129,252	6,972	96.9
- 1976	20,806	184,787	8,881	96.7
- 1978[1]	23,839	212,997	8,935	96.3
- 1980	24,684	263,164	10,661	96.4

PERCENTAGE OF RETURNS BY INCOME GROUP

Income Group	COLCHESTER COUNTY 1970 %	COLCHESTER COUNTY 1980 %	NOVA SCOTIA 1970 %	NOVA SCOTIA 1980 %
Under $2,000	26.3		27.6	
$ 2,000 - $ 4,000	27.0	32.2	25.9	32.4
$ 4,000 - $ 5,000	11.7		10.2	
$ 5,000 - $ 7,500	28.1	12.9	29.2	11.3
$ 7,500 - $10,000		11.6		11.1
$10,000 - $15,000	5.2	19.1	5.1	17.9
$15,000 - $20,000	0.8	11.4	1.1	12.4
$20,000 - $25,000	0.9	5.9	0.9	7.2
$25,000 - $30,000		3.0		3.6
$30,000 +		3.8		4.1

[1]Comparatively lower average income in 1978 is due to a greater number of low income returns filed to claim child tax credit. This claim applies also to succeeding years.

SOURCE: Revenue Canada, Taxation; Taxation Statistics

Table 10

Households and Average Number of Persons per Household Colchester County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS		AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD	
	1976	1981	1976	1981
Nova Scotia	243,100	273,195	3.3	3.0
Colchester County	12,865	14,540	3.2	2.9
Stewiacke	360	395	3.2	2.9
Truro	4,425	4,755	2.8	2.6
Subdivision A	1,060	1,165	3.1	2.9
Subdivision B	4,190	4,860	3.3	3.1
Subdivision C	2,780	3,295	3.5	3.2
Indian Reserves	55	65	4.2	3.5

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 11

Occupied Dwellings by Tenure and Type
Colchester County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

	STEWIACKE	TRURO	MUNIC. OF COLCHESTER	COLCHESTER COUNTY	NOVA SCOTIA
TENURE:					
1976 - Owned (%)	77.8	57.2	85.6	75.7	72.4
Rented (%)	22.2	42.8	14.4	24.3	27.6
Total (No.)	360	4,425	8,025	12,865	243,100
1981 - Owned (%)	79.3	54.0	83.9	74.0	71.5
Rented (%)	21.7	46.0	16.1	26.0	28.5
Total (No.)	390	4,755	9,390	14,535	273,195
TYPE:					
1976 - Singles, Doubles & Row (%)	87.5	67.1	83.7	78.2	78.9
Apartments (%)	5.6	31.3	4.0	13.4	15.4
Mobile (%)	6.9	1.6	12.3	8.4	5.7
Total (No.)	360	4,425	8,025	12,865	243,100
1981 - Singles, Doubles & Row (%)	88.5	65.1	83.9	77.8	77.9
Apartments (%)	6.4	33.2	5.2	14.4	16.7
Mobile (%)	5.1	1.7	10.9	7.8	5.4
Total (No.)	390	4,755	9,390	14,535	273,195

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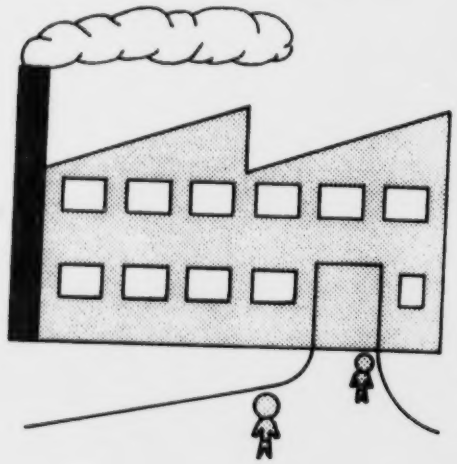

Table 12

Labour Force Activity
Colchester County, 1976 and 1981

	1976			1981		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Population 15+	15,050	15,575	30,620	16,140	16,735	32,875
Labour Force	10,955	6,495	17,455	11,945	7,600	19,540
Employment	10,350	5,915	16,270	10,990	6,730	17,725
Unemployment	605	575	1,180	950	870	1,820
Unemployment Rate[1]	5.5	8.9	6.8	8.0	11.4	9.3
Participation Rate[2]	72.8	41.7	57.0	74.0	45.4	59.4

[1]Unemployed as a percent of labour force.

[2]Labour force as a percent of population 15+.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 13

Labour Force 15 Years and Over, by Age, Sex and Level of Schooling
Colchester County, 1981

	Total	No Certificate Or Diploma Less Than Grade 9	No Certificate Or Diploma Grades 9 - 13	High School Certificate Or Diploma	Trades, University Or Other Non-University Certificate Or Diploma	University Degree
Labour Force						
Total	19,540	2,575	6,925	2,870	5,560	1,605
Male	11,940	2,005	4,125	1,575	3,100	1,135
Female	7,600	560	2,800	1,295	2,460	475
Aged 15 - 24						
Total	5,060	345	2,275	1,115	1,090	235
Male	2,770	265	1,305	545	535	120
Female	2,290	80	975	565	555	120
Aged 25 - 44						
Total	9,095	1,020	2,730	1,160	3,150	1,035
Male	5,595	730	1,610	655	1,865	735
Female	3,500	290	1,120	510	1,285	295
Aged 45 - 54						
Total	,950	685	970	305	775	210
Male	1,870	585	550	205	365	165
Female	1,085	105	425	100	410	50
Aged 55 - 64						
Total	2,010	390	805	225	480	110
Male	1,385	320	545	130	290	100
Female	625	70	255	95	190	15
Aged 65 +						
Total	425	130	150	70	60	20
Male	325	110	115	40	40	20
Female	100	20	35	25	20	0

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 14

Labour Force[1], 15 Years and Over, by Sex, Showing Industry Divisions
Colchester County, 1981

	COLCHESTER COUNTY			% OF TOTAL LABOUR FORCE[1]	
	Male	Female	Total	Colchester Co.	Nova Scotia
Agriculture	595	130	725	3.8	2.3
Forestry	395	35	435	2.3	1.3
Fishing and Trapping	55	10	65	0.3	2.0
Mines, Quarries and Oil Wells	265	20	290	1.5	1.8
Manufacturing	2,355	1,395	3,745	19.4	15.0
Construction	1,145	110	1,255	6.5	6.5
Transportation, Communication & Other Utilities	1,500	285	1,785	9.2	8.0
Trade	2,320	1,435	3,755	19.4	17.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	235	370	605	3.1	4.4
Community, Business & Personal Services	1,950	3,275	5,225	27.1	29.2
Public Administration & Defence	1,040	385	1,425	7.4	12.1
Total Labour Force[1]	11,865	7,460	19,325	100.0	100.0

[1]By place of residence, excludes persons looking for work who last worked prior to January 1, 1980, and who never worked.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 15

Experienced Labour Force[1] by Occupation Groups Colchester County, 1981

	COLCHESTER COUNTY			% OF TOTAL EXPERIENCED LABOUR FORCE	
	Male	Female	Total	Colchester Co.	Nova Scotia
Managerial, Administrative & Related	925	250	1,180	6.1	7.3
Natural Sciences, Engineering & Math	435	40	475	2.5	2.8
Occupations in Social Sciences & Related	150	135	280	1.5	1.5
Occupations in Religion	45	10	50	0.3	0.3
Teaching & Related Occupations	395	505	900	4.7	4.7
Occupations in Medicine & Health	105	560	665	3.4	5.2
Artistic, Literary, Recreational & Related	120	140	255	1.3	1.2
Clerical & Related	700	2,225	2,925	15.1	16.5
Sales Occupations	1,330	805	2,135	11.1	9.2
Service Occupations	1,040	1,335	2,380	12.3	14.6
Farming, Horticulture & Animal Husbandry	575	160	735	3.8	2.3
Fishing, Hunting, Trapping & Related	80	10	95	0.5	2.4
Forestry & Logging	325	30	355	1.8	1.2
Mining & Quarrying	125	-	125	0.6	1.0
Processing Occupations	670	400	1,065	5.5	5.0
Machining & Related Occupations	330	5	335	1.7	1.6
Product Fabricating, Assembly & Repairing	1,280	625	1,905	9.9	6.1
Construction Trades	1,455	10	1,470	7.6	7.6
Transport Equipment Operating	945	55	1,005	5.2	4.4
Materials Handling & Related	360	75	430	2.2	2.2
Other Crafts & Equipment Operating	150	45	195	1.0	1.2
Occupations not Elsewhere Classified	330	45	370	1.9	1.7
Total Experienced Labour Force[1]	11,860	7,460	19,320	100.0	100.0

[1]Excludes persons looking for work, who last worked prior to January 1, 1980 or who never worked.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

GOODS PRODUCING SECTORS

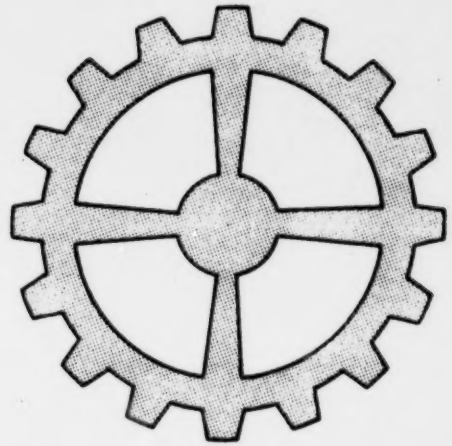

Table 16

Principal Farm Census Data
Colchester County, 1976 and 1981

	1976*	1981*
Farm Population	1,417	1,830
% of Total Population Living on Farms	3.4	4.2
Farm Operators by Age:		
Under 25 years	7	10
25-34 years	48	89
35-44 years	77	128
45-54 years	119	130
55-59 years	50	59
60-64 years	46	56
65 years and over	59	77
Total Number of Farms	406	549
- With sales of $2,500 +	310	380
Size of Farms:		
1- 9 acres	8	30
10- 69 acres	25	78
70- 129 acres	59	105
130- 179 acres	59	53
180- 239 acres	49	69
240- 399 acres	100	109
400- 559 acres	53	46
560- 759 acres	24	33
760- 1,119 acres	22	18
1,120- 1,599 acres	7	7
1,600+ acres	---	1

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Table 16 (cont'd.)

	1976*	1981*
Total Area of Farms - acres	126,287	139,132
Improved Land - acres	49,027	56,211
Under Crops - acres	32,228	33,707
Improved Pasture - acres	14,211	17,460
Summer Fallow - acres	575	1,439
Other Improved - acres	2,013	3,605
Unimproved Land - acres	77,260	82,921
Woodland - acres	65,515	72,627
Other Unimproved - acres	11,745	10,294
Average Size of Farms - acres	311	253
Improved Land as a % of Total Farm Land Area	38.8	40.4

*Note: In 1981, a Census farm is defined as an agricultural holding with sales of agricultural products during the year 1980 of $250 or more.

For 1976, a Census farm is defined as an agricultural holding of one acre or more with sales of agricultural products during the year 1975 of $1,200 or more.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 17

Census Farms by Economic Class and Product Type
Colchester County, 1976 and 1981

	1976*	1981*
Total number of farms	406	549
Number of farms by value of agricultural products sold in previous year		
$250,000 and over	(	15
$100,000 - $249,999	(29	57
$ 50,000 - $ 99,999	52	57
$ 25,000 - $ 49,999	51	41
$ 10,000 - $ 24,999	61	72
$ 5,000 - $ 9,999	45	62
$ 2,500 - $ 4,999	72	76
Under $2,500	96	169
Number of census farms with sales of $2,500 or more classified by product type - Total	310	380
Dairy	161	154
Cattle, hogs, sheep (excluding dairy farms)	72	125
Poultry	11	11
Wheat	---	1
Smallgrains (excluding wheat farms)	6	8
Field crops, other than smallgrains	3	7
Fruits and vegetables	21	36
Miscellaneous specialty	17	26
Mixed	9	12
Livestock combination	5	7
Field crops combination	---	---
Other combinations	4	5

*Note: See Table 16 for definition of census farms in 1976 and 1981.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 18

Landed Value and Weight of Sea Fisheries Colchester County, 1978-1982

	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
Value - $'000	505	504	529	678	709
% of Nova Scotia total	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Weight - metric tonnes	829	1,085	681	694	769
% of Nova Scotia total	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 24-205. Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Table 19

Number of Fishermen by Percent of Income Derived from Fishery
Colchester County, 1978-1982

	% of Income Derived from Fishery			
	Total	0-25%	26-75%	76-100%
1978	152	91	32	29
1979	150	91	26	33
1980	146	88	26	32
1981	157	84	32	41
1982	150	83	19	48
% of Nova Scotia				
1978	1.5	2.9	1.8	0.6
1979	1.4	2.3	1.6	0.6
1980	1.3	2.1	1.5	0.6
1981	1.4	2.6	2.0	0.6
1982	1.4	2.6	1.4	0.8

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 24-205. Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Table 20
Area of Land Classes
Colchester County, 1976

	Area (Hectares)*	% of Total Area
Forest Land		
Productive Forest		
1. Softwood	150,900	41.2
2. Mixed Wood	78,800	21.5
3. Hardwood	55,000	15.0
Total Forested Land	284,800	77.9
Non-Forested Land and Non-Productive Forest	71,400	19.5
Water and Flowage	9,000	2.5
Total Area of County	365,800	100.0

*1 hectare = 2.471 acres

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Forest Inventory, North Central Subdivision - 1976

Table 21

Forest Production Statistics
Colchester County, 1978-1982

	Sawn Lumber (M. fbm.)					Pulpwood (M^3 - solid wood)				
	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
Softwood	18,488	20,466	20,838	16,991	12,569	208,776	187,008	164,865	133,908	117,291
Hardwood	508	629	682	577	486	42,656	59,129	93,433	37,200	10,212
Total	18,996	21,095	21,520	17,568	13,055	251,432	246,137	258,298	171,108	127,503
% of Nova Scotia										
Softwood	10.1	10.5	11.7	10.6	8.9	7.7	6.8	5.8	5.3	6.4
Hardwood	10.6	6.7	9.2	5.8	5.6	17.9	16.6	19.8	13.0	8.4
Total	10.1	10.3	11.6	10.3	8.7	8.5	8.0	7.8	6.1	6.5

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Forest Products Directory

Table 22

Forest Production Statistics—(in Common Measure)
Colchester County, 1981 and 1982

	1981	1982	% OF NOVA SCOTIA 1981	% OF NOVA SCOTIA 1982
Lumber (M. fbm.)	17,568	13,055	10.3	8.7
Boxwood (M. fbm.)	-	-	-	-
Railway Ties (M. fbm.)	106	122	6.5	7.4
Mine Packs (M. fbm.)	81	-	3.3	-
Laths (M's)	-	-	-	-
Shingles (Squares)	-	-	-	-
Staves & Headings (M. fbm.)	-	-	-	-
Residue Chips (M^3 Stacked)	61,588	71,448	12.4	21.0
Pulpwood - Rough (M^3 Stacked)	280,792	209,236	6.1	6.6
Pit Props - Rough (M^3 Stacked)	-	-	-	-
Poles & Piling (M^3)	-	-	-	-

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Forest Products Directory

Table 23

Principal Statistics for Manufacturing Industries
Colchester County, 1976-1979

		MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY								
		Production and Related Workers								
	Year	Number of Establishments	Male	Female	Man-Hours Paid ($'000)	Wages ($'000)	Cost of Fuel & Electricity ($'000)	Cost of Materials & Supplies ($'000)	Value of Shipments of Goods of Own Manufacture ($'000)	Value Added Manufacturing Activity ($'000)
Truro	1976	25	882	883	3,456	12,419	1,722	35,827	69,470	32,069
	1977	30	882	729	3,258	13,163	2,189	41,055	75,789	31,966
	1978	32	942	831	3,518	15,266	2,393	46,681	89,602	39,130
	1979	31	906	883	3,565	17,151	2,832	57,792	105,976	48,289
Remainder of County	1976	24	482	53	1,124	5,162	2,408	17,186	33,174	14,370
	1977	24	494	22	1,083	5,805	2,556	16,617	34,571	15,250
	1978	28	632	38	1,390	7,623	4,767	22,763	49,137	22,624
	1979	31	560	43	1,268	8,028	6,920	28,187	62,058	28,105
Colchester County	1976	49	1,364	936	4,580	17,581	4,130	53,013	102,644	46,439
	1977	54	1,376	751	4,341	18,968	4,745	57,672	110,360	47.216
	1978	60	1,574	869	4,908	22,889	7,160	69,444	138,739	61,754
	1979	62	1,466	926	4,833	25,179	9,752	85,979	168,034	76,394
% Colchester-County of Nova Scotia	1976	7.6	6.3	17.6	8.2	6.5	4.8	4.3	5.2	6.8
	1977	8.6	6.8	14.6	8.1	6.7	4.7	4.1	5.0	6.4
	1978	8.4	7.3	15.3	8.5	7.0	5.2	4.2	5.1	6.9
	1979	8.0	6.3	15.7	7.6	6.3	6.4	4.1	5.2	7.4

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 31-209

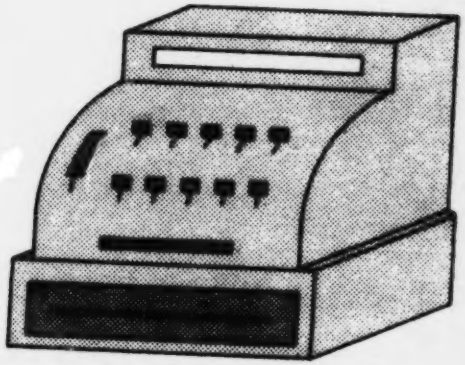

Table 24
Retail Sales
Colchester County and Nova Scotia, 1980-1982

	YEAR	COLCHESTER CO. ($'000)	RETAIL SALES PER CAPITA	
			COLCHESTER CO.[1] ($)	NOVA SCOTIA
Food	1980	32,300	747	848
	1981	33,900	784	876
	1982	38,900	900	1,023
Automotive	1980	60,600	1,402	965
	1981	57,800	1,337	905
	1982	54,900	1,270	867
Clothing	1980	6,100	141	182
	1981	5,800	134	171
	1982	6,100	141	184
Hardware	1980	1,800	42	33
	1981	1,800	42	34
	1982	1,900	44	35
Home Furnishings	1980	5,600	130	66
	1981	5,800	134	67
	1982	6,200	143	73
Total Retail Sales[2]	1980	181,700	4,204	3,360
	1981	181,300	4,194	3,316
	1982	188,300	4,356	3,540

[1]Sales per capita for the county are derived by using the 1981 Census populations.

[2]Includes sales of other retail groups not specified above.

SOURCE: The Financial Post, Canadian Markets

Table 25
Building Permits Issued
Colchester County and Nova Scotia, 1979-1982

	NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS			VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION				
	Single & Double Dwellings	Other (units)	Total	Residential	Industrial	Commercial ($'000)	Institutional & Government	Total
1979								
Stewiacke	3	-	3	87	44	-	-	131
Truro	28	17	45	1,434	2,025	503	1,600	5,562
Colchester Municipality	270	8	278	8,890	590	833	20	10,333
Total, Colchester Co.	301	25	326	10,411	2,659	1,336	1,620	16,026
Nova Scotia	4,556	984	5,540	192,593	22,990	107,587	41,693	364,863
1980								
Stewiacke	1	-	1	77	-	150	-	227
Truro	17	36	53	1,512	267	418	-	2,137
Colchester Municipality	194	42	236	8,557	1,104	1,323	854	11,838
Total, Colchester Co.	212	78	290	10,146	1,371	1,891	854	14,252
Nova Scotia	3,734	924	4,658	177,181	37,858	75,016	38,121	328,176
1981								
Stewiacke	5	-	5	180	30	6	-	216
Truro	6	12	18	643	9	963	133	1,748
Colchester Municipality	228	-	228	8,763	476	1,038	3,880	14,157
Total, Colchester Co.	239	12	251	9,586	515	2,007	4,013	16,121
Nova Scotia	3,374	1,063	4,437	196,312	43,899	76,245	60,086	376,542
1982								
Stewiacke	7	-	7	267	-	-	-	267
Truro	9	15	24	1,240	-	231	717	2,188
Colchester Municipality	204	-	204	8,472	214	1,063	6,016	15,765
Total, Colchester Co.	220	15	235	9,979	214	1,294	6,733	18,220
Nova Scotia	3,272	526	3,798	181,371	18,555	58,675	65,266	323,867

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 64-203

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MUNICIPALITIES AND 1983 TAX RATES (PER $100 OF ASSESSMENT)

	Residential	Commercial
Town of Stewiacke	$ 1.70	$ 2.25
Town of Truro	1.62	2.50
Municipality of Colchester	.52	1.24

AREA AND DENSITY

	Land Area Sq. Kilometers	Population Density Per Sq. Kilometer
Stewiacke	16.3	71.9
Truro	20.9	601.1
Municipality of Colchester	3,584.9	8.2
County of Colchester	3,622.3	11.9

DEMOGRAPHICS (ALL AS PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION)

Religion - 1981

United Church	46.8%
Other Protestant	25.6%
Roman Catholic	13.3%
Anglican	9.7%
Other	4.6%

Ethnic Groups - 1981

British Isles	84.4%
French	2.8%
German	1.7%
Netherlands	1.4%
Native Indian	1.2%
Other	8.5%

Mother Tongue - 1981

English	97.8%
Other	2.2%

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

The Colchester-East Hants District School Board serves Colchester County, including the towns of Truro and Stewiacke. In 1982-83, teachers numbered 493 and student enrolment was 4,846 elementary, 2,104 junior high, 1,930 senior high and 142 in other programs. The Colchester Regional Vocational School in Truro has 38 teachers instructing 382 students. The Nova Scotia Agricultural College had an enrolment of 483 in 1982-83. Total enrolment at Nova Scotia Teacher's College approximates 1,121. Other technical, trade and business schools exist in and near Truro as well.

HOSPITALS

Colchester Hospital, Truro	201 beds, 42 bassinets
Lilian Fraser Memorial, Tatamagouche	29 beds, 6 bassinets

INDUSTRIAL PARKS

Debert Air Industrial Park
Truro Industrial Park

LARGEST INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYERS

	Approximate Employment
Stanfield's Limited, Truro	750
Crossley Karastan Carpet Mills Ltd., Truro	507
Polymer International (N.S.) Ltd., Truro	220
Kent Homes Limited, Debert	160
Maritime Cement Company Limited, Brookfield	125
Scotsburn Co-operative Service Limited, Truro	110
Brookfield Foods Limited, Truro	100

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

	Kilometers
Paved Highways - Arterial	175.9
- Collector	293.1
- Local	220.3
Unpaved Highways	1,167.4
Total	1,856.7

Road Motor Vehicle Registrations, 1981	Number
Passenger Automobiles	16,197
Trucks and buses	7,834
Total	24,031

Rail

The main CN Montreal-Halifax trains pass through Truro; Truro also serves as the junction point for a branch line to Sydney, where connecting ferry service to Newfoundland is available. CPR offers freight service from Truro via Windsor Junction to the Annapolis Valley. A CN freight line joins Tatamagouche with Oxford Junction and Pictou. At Truro, VIA Rail's Sydney train connects with their main Halifax to Montreal train providing rail passenger service to many provincial and out-of-province points.

Air

Debert Air Industrial Park has facilities for private planes. Its three runways measure 1,524 meters each. Approximately 50 kilometers from Truro, the Halifax International Airport has scheduled daily domestic and international flights provided by Air Canada, Eastern Provincial Airlines and CP Air.

Bus

Acadian Lines Limited operates daily with links at Truro to all major areas of the province and out-of-province points.

TRANSPORTATION (Continued)

Marine

The nearest port is Wallace, Cumberland County; however, the county has a favourable proximity to the ice-free bulk handling and container port at Halifax.

COMMUNICATIONS

Newspapers and Magazines

Truro - The Daily News	Circ. 8,597 - daily
Truro Weekly Record	Circ. 3,488 - weekly

Radio Stations

Truro - CKCL	1,000 Watts

TV Stations

N/A

SHOPPING CENTRES

Truro Centre		30 stores
Truro Mall	18,227 m^2	28 stores
Fundy Trail Mall (Lower Truro)	10,498 m^2	18 stores

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATIONS

	Hotel Rooms	Motel Units	Guest House Rooms	Cottages & Cabins	Total
Tatamagouche	-	20	-	10	30
Truro	-	291	6	12	309
Total	-	311	6	22	339

CULTURAL FACILITIES

Libraries

Colchester-East Hants Regional Library in Truro has branches in Stewiacke, Tatamagouche; two bookmobiles and a van. There are also library facilities at N.S. Teacher's College and N.S. Agricultural College.

Museums and Art Galleries

Fraser Cultural Centre - Tatamagouche
Balmoral Grist Mill - Tatamagouche
Colchester Historical Society Museum - Truro
Sutherland Steam Mill - Denmark

POOR

QUALITY

ORIGINAL